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In re the Application of: **Yasushi KANEKO et al.**

Serial No: **08/981,654**

Art Unit: **2871**

Filed: **January 8, 1998**

Examiner: **D. Nguyen**

For: **LIQUID CRYSTAL SHUTTER AND METHOD OF DRIVING THE  
SAME**

**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 4, 2001

#18/ Response  
Marsha  
9/7/01

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2001, Applicants respectfully submit the following:

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 3 remain for consideration in this application.

Claims 1 and 3 are reject under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) as being anticipated by Amstutz, (U.S. Patent No. 4,634,229), in view Furuta (U.S. Patent No. 5,699,133).

It should be noted that Furuta has a U.S. filing date of May 29, 1996 while the instant application has a priority date of May 10, 1996, upon which the PCT application was based. Consequently, in order to perfect the claim for priority, accompanying this Response is a verified English translation of the Japanese priority application, the certified copy of the Japanese priority application having already been submitted to the Patent Office as